



Dave, a friend who helped me in one of the talks I gave at Cru about Religious Confusion!

Notes from Dan (& DeAnn)

*a long break

Second semester has started and we are off and running. Thanks for being involved here at Stevens Point. It is so great to have you as a part of my team as I step onto campus each day.

*Men's Retreat

We have a men's retreat coming up on the 28th of February. It is going to be a kickoff retreat where we begin a two month intense study on Authentic Manhood and what it means to be a man in today's society. We will also be specifically focusing on purity with the guys as it is an increasing struggle in the lives of Christians, both in college and out.

*Things to pray about:

- That Bryan would continue to grow in his relationship with Christ.
- That Sam would come to know Christ in a personal way.
- That there would be a good turnout for the men's retreat.
- Praise: We have some direction for next year and Mexico. Please keep those plans in your prayers as well.

*The Life of Bryan

Each semester brings new faces to Stevens Point. Since our goal is to reach every student through a freshman strategy (reaching them the first year they are on campus) we specifically try to connect with the new freshmen and transfer students each semester.

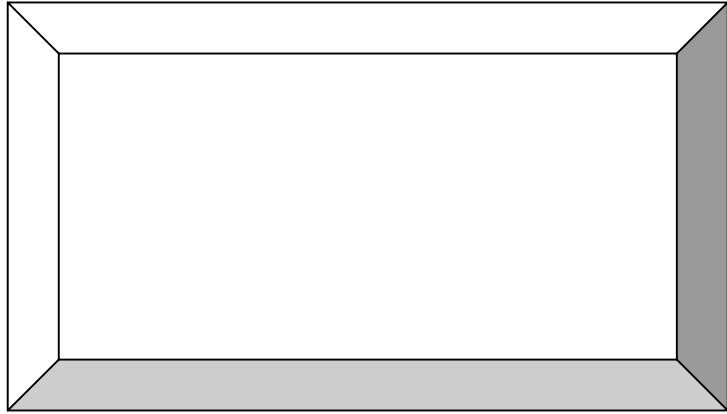
In both the Steiner and Pray-Sims dorms one of the strategies that I and some of my Bible Study guys used was to hand out student planners and two liters of Mountain Dew to the new people as we invited them to Cru and to our Bible Study. The student planners also had in them a gospel presentation which we would either share with the new student or encourage them to read. We handed out Mountain Dew because we wanted a "manly" gift for the new guys. (Girls can bake brownies and cookies, but guys...Mountain Dew!)

Bryan was one of those new students. I already knew his roommate and so when I knocked on Bryan's door and he wasn't home I just went in and started chatting with his roommate John. About fifteen minutes went by and then Bryan came in. I had not planned on a really deep conversation with Bryan but God had other plans. Bryan happened to be ROTC and was thinking about the possibility of getting activated and going to war. That led to thoughts of life and death. I asked him if he was sure of where he would go if he did die and he was not. That was a perfect opportunity so I shared the message of the gospel with him and at the end asked him if he would like to pray with me. He said "Yes."

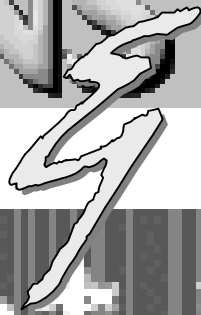
I then told him I knew he was busy with ROTC, but that I wanted to get together to go through some follow-up material with him. And this was the coolest part...He looked me in the eye and said, "I am busy, but I definitely have time for stuff about this!" Praise God for Bryan. He has now been to Bible Study two weeks in a row and we have started follow-up.



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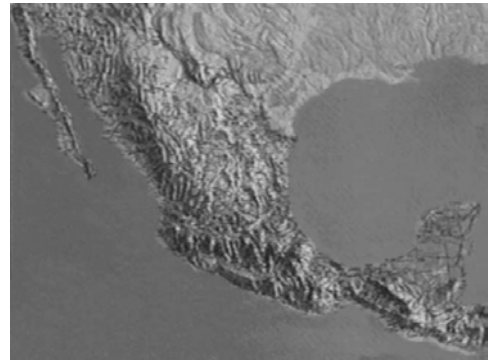
Student Impact

**Next Year and Mexico!!!*

Finally we have some definite plans for next year. DeAnn and I have been praying about what God had in store for us and we were getting different options from many different people. We didn't quite know what to do and we were getting nervous as the time came closer and closer for a decision.

As many of you know Mexico and Catalytic (student let without staff) are two of my passions due to how my life has been changed. Well, Steve Morgan, the national campus director for Mexico, recently called us with a plan for us to consider. Mexico has a serious shortage of staff and many campuses without any Christian movement on them. He said that in order to reach the scope of all the students on every campus in Mexico that catalytic movements were the only answer.

He has asked DeAnn and I to consider moving to Puebla, Mexico in September of next year to provide leadership to a bi-lingual catalytic design team with the mission of starting a catalytic movement in Mexico. Please pray with us about this decision.



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